(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) While no general study has been got conducted so far, the high level of advertising support for programmes on the Metro Channel is indicative of its growing popularity.

Telecasting by Bhopal Doordarshan

537. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 18th October, 1993, Bhopal Doordarshan Kendra, telecast a programme in a naked woman, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry in this regard and punishment awarded to such officials who were found responsible for this, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir. Ten visual was part of an item on an operation carried out in a local hospital of Bhopal recorded by the Doordarshan Kendra with the co-operation of surgeon and included in the regional news bulletin telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Bhopal on 18th October, 1993.

(b) and (c) The officials connected with the telecast have been cautioned to ensure that programmes conform to guidelines regarding modesty and decency.

Evil effects of satellite television

538. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

SHRI G. G. SWELL:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Times of India (ND) dated 15th November, 1993 under the caption "Schools, parents search for antidote to satellite television" highlighting the evil effects of viewing satellite television by children; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to check the adverse impact of satellite television on children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): Yes, Sir.

(b) Regulation of the exposure of children to satellite television can only be undertaken by their parents/guardians and not by the Government.

Separate channels of Doordarshan for Regional Languages

539. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government opened recently separate Channels of Doordarshan for regional languages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the public having T.V. sets with the normal antennae are able to get the programmes of those new channels; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take in the matter for the benefit of T.V. viewers interested in these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Doordarshan introduced satellite regional language service in the following languages from 1.10.1993— Assamese & North Eaastern Language Bangla, Gujarati, Kannada, Kashmiri, Malayalam, Marathi, Oriya, Tamil and Telugu, on its existing four satellite channels.

(c) and (d) The programmes of the above service are available terrestrially only in Delhi through the use of a low cost UHF antenna. The programmes can be received in other parts of the country through the use of an appropriate dish antenna.

Regional news telecast by Doordarshan

540. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Regional News Telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow, during the Assembly elections, adequate coverage was not given to the campaign of the recognised political parties of the State; and

(b) what is the total time given to each of the recognised political parties and other registered parties since the date of announcement of the elections till the date of final polling, in the Regional News Telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Details of time given to recognised/Registered political parties in regional news telecast by Doordarshan Kendra, Lucknow since the date of announcement of the election till the date of final polling

S. No.	Name of Party	Time Given (in Seconds)
1	Congress (I)	160
2	Bhartiya Janta Party	140
3	Janta Dal	160
4	CPI	50
5	CPM	25
6	Janta Party	130
7	S. J. P.	40
8	Samajwadi Party	115
9	Panthers Party	90
10	Shiv Sena	30
11	Socialist Party	73
12	Shoshit Samaj Dal	43
13	Lok Dal	15
14	Doordarshi Party	66
15	Republican Party	76
16	Indian Peoples Front	35